

Claims

[c1] What is claimed is:

1. A method for adhering a bathtub liner to an existing bathtub comprising the steps of:

- providing a suitably sized liner for an existing bathtub;
- applying urethane foam to at least a portion of a bottom surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner;
- positioning the liner in the bathtub such that the liner substantially follows contours of the existing bathtub; and
- applying pressure to the bathtub liner to affix the liner to the bathtub.

[c2] 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the existing bathtub is constructed from at least one of cast iron and pressed metal.

[c3] 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the urethane foam is expandable and flexible.

[c4] 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of applying urethane foam to at least a portion of a bottom

surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner includes the step of spraying urethane foam on at least a portion of a bottom surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner.

[c5] 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of applying urethane foam to at least a portion of a bottom surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner includes the step of pouring urethane foam on at least a portion of a bottom surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner.

[c6] 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of applying urethane foam to at least a portion of a bottom surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner includes the step of applying urethane foam to substantially all of a bottom surface of at least one of the bathtub and the suitably sized liner.

[c7] 7. The method according to claim 1, further including the step of aligning openings in the liner to correspond to the desired positioning of at least one of an overflow opening, a drain, and a soap dish.

[c8] 8. The method according to claim 1, further including the step of caulking any visible space between the bathtub and the liner.

[c9] 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of positioning the liner in the bathtub such that the liner substantially follows contours of the existing bathtub includes the step of providing a liner which is pre-formed to fit the contours of the existing bathtub.

[c10] 10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of positioning the liner in the bathtub such that the liner substantially follows contours of the existing bathtub includes the step of deforming a liner into a shape which substantially matches contours of the existing bathtub via at least one of heat, positive pressure, and negative pressure.